

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 649  
By Turner (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Marie Dixon Johnson  
on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should  
recognize citizens who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Marie Dixon Johnson will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 21, 1998,  
an occasion which will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks  
for the present and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, born in Macon, Georgia on February 21, 1898 to Joe and Carrie Dixon, she  
was raised in Tunica, Mississippi; in 1987, she moved to Memphis to live with her  
granddaughter, Marie Scott; and

WHEREAS, in her youth, she attended Freedonia Baptist Church, ushering for 50 years,  
loving the Lord, and endeavoring to live an exemplary Christian life; and

WHEREAS, Marie Dixon became Marie Dixon Johnson when she was joined in holy  
matrimony with Ben Johnson, and this couple's happy union produced one child, Douie  
(Johnson) Stacks; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her 11<sup>th</sup> decade, she still attends Church and  
community gatherings, endeavors in which she has always been active and productive, as her  
health permits; and

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WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Marie Dixon Johnson on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.